



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Acting Director of Public Works

At its meeting held January 18, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Bryce Yokomizo, Director of Public Social Services and Donald L. Wolfe, Acting Director of Public Works, addressed the Board regarding emergency situations resulting from the recent rain storms and responded to questions posed by Supervisor Antonovich. Recent storm related damages, they noted, included the loss of homes, catastrophic flooding, extensive mud slides, road closures and the need for the American Red Cross to issue vouchers for both food and lodging.

After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The recent storms had devastating impacts on several communities in the County of Los Angeles. These impacts were particularly felt in Little Rock, San Dimas, Quartz Hill, and Val Verde, as well as other cities and unincorporated communities in the Fifth District. Three critical roads that serve alternatives to the Antelope Valley Freeway, Angeles Crest, Bouquet Canyon, and San Francisquito Canyon, are closed due to landslides caused by the rainstorms. At more remote locations in the Angeles National Forest, such as Camp Follows, there are still individuals stranded behind blocked roadways and damaged bridges.

“Residents in the Fifth District want to know that their homes are safe; what the County can do to prevent future damage from rainstorms; when public roads will be opened; how they can secure permits quickly so that repairs on private properties are not unnecessarily delayed; and what the County is doing to aid citizens who are stranded in remote locations.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Acting Director of Public Works was instructed to:

1. Report back to the Board on a weekly basis concerning all repairs to County public roads, including a schedule for completion and the reopening of these roads, and that Public Works staff disseminate this information to the cities and town councils in the Fifth District;
2. Consult with representatives of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) concerning repairs to State highways located partially or wholly within the County, including a schedule for completion and the reopening of these State highways;
3. Designate a lead contact person in the Arcadia, Lancaster, and Santa Clarita field offices to expedite the processing of permits relative to both rebuilding of homes and the installation of protective devices to prevent future storm-related damages to private property;
4. Investigate what flood control measures can be implemented to prevent future erosion, slope failures, and damage to homes in Val Verde, and report back to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations concerning construction, scheduling, and financing;
5. Dispatch field inspectors to visit properties in Val Verde that may be threatened by erosion, slope failures, and landslides, and to work with the Fire Department to assess any safety issues relevant to allowing or prohibiting residents from occupying their homes;
6. Report back to the Board within one week concerning the status of bridge and roadway repairs at Camp Follows in the Angeles National Forest, as well as any other locations where individuals may be stranded behind blocked roads and damaged bridges; and
7. Report back to the Board within two weeks concerning the necessary steps and a schedule concerning placing an advisory proposition on the November 2005 ballot in the Antelope Valley relative to the formation of a new flood control district or an annexation of the Antelope Valley into the existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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